

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 155

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to recognize Abigail Ridenour as a recipient of the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improve the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Ridenour, a resident of Oak Ridge and a senior at Oak Ridge High School, achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ridenour earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy, establishing "Blessings Through a Blankie," an organization through which she has personally made 125 blankets and delivered them to children undergoing chemotherapy and to loved ones staying at the Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Ridenour, who observed from her mother's cancer treatment that a side effect is a constant sense of feeling cold, made her mother a blanket to use during treatment, which inspired her to make more blankets to help others; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Ridenour who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this legislative body give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Abigail Ridenour, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Abigail Ridenour, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.